# Using custom HTML to output anything

`custom_html` is a very useful field in Meta Box, which helps you to *output anything* in the post edit screen. It can be a warning box or an instruction for users to help them enter the correct data. But do you know that **you can use PHP** to render the HTML for the field?

Using PHP, you can query the database, get WordPress information and show it. There is no limit with PHP. This guide helps you understand the field using a callback function to query the WordPress database and output the result. For the demo purpose: **I will set up a connection from a post to many pages (1 to many). And when editing a page, I need to know which posts refer to the current page**. So, creating a connection from a page to many posts is very simple with a field `post` like this:

```
array(
    'id'        => 'page',
    'name'      => 'Page',
    'type'      => 'post',
    'post_type' => 'page',
    'multiple'  => true,
),
```

To get the list of posts that refer to the current page, I will use a field `custom_html` like this:

```
array(
    'id'       => 'posts',
    'type'     => 'custom_html',
    'callback' => 'prefix_get_connected_posts',
),
```

Note the `callback` parameter: this callback refers to a custom PHP function (in this case `prefix_get_connected_posts`) which renders the content for the field. Implementing this function is quite easy as below:

```
function prefix_get_connected_posts() {
    if ( ! $page_id = filter_input( INPUT_GET, 'post',  FILTER_SANITIZE_NUMBER_INT ) ) {
        return '';
```

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    }
    $output = '';
    $posts  = get_posts( [
        'posts_per_page' => - 1,
        'meta_key'       => 'page',
        'meta_value'     => $page_id,
    ] );
    foreach ( $posts as $post ) {
        $output .= '<li><a href="' . get_permalink( $post )  . '">' . get_the_title( $post ) .
'</a></li>';
    }

    return $output ? '<ul>' . $output . '</ul>' : '';
}
```

Here is the full code:

```
add_filter( 'rwmb_meta_boxes', function ( $meta_boxes ) {
    // Connect a post with multiple pages.
    $meta_boxes[] = [
        'title'  => 'Connection',
        'fields' => [
            [
                'id'        => 'page',
                'name'      => 'Page',
                'type'      => 'post',
                'post_type' => 'page',
                'multiple'  => true,
            ],
        ],
    ];

    // Show connected posts to a page
    $meta_boxes[] = [
        'title'      => 'Connected Posts',
        'post_types' => 'page',
        'fields'     => [
            [
                'id'       => 'posts',
                'type'     => 'custom_html',
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                'callback' => 'prefix_get_connected_posts',
            ],
        ],
    ];

    return $meta_boxes;
} );

function prefix_get_connected_posts() {
    if ( ! $page_id = filter_input( INPUT_GET, 'post', FILTER_SANITIZE_NUMBER_INT ) ) {
        return '';
    }
    $output = '';
    $posts  = get_posts( [
        'posts_per_page' => - 1,
        'meta_key'       => 'page',
        'meta_value'     => $page_id,
    ] );
    foreach ( $posts as $post ) {
        $output .= '<li><a href="' . get_permalink( $post ) . '">' . get_the_title( $post ) .
'</a></li>';
    }

    return $output ? '<ul>' . $output . '</ul>' : '';
}
```

And here is the result:

When editing a post:

edit posts

When editing a page:

edit page

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